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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants:	Brett D. Ritter, et al.	Docket No.:	31919.3993
Serial No.:	09/786,239	Confirmation No.:	8281
Filing Date:	May 17, 2001	Examiner:	Anthony D. Stashick
Title:	FOOTWEAR SOLE AND ARCH STRAPPING SYSTEM	Art Unit:	3728

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Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 6, 2002, please accept this timely filed Amendment and Response to the restriction requirement entered pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372 for the above-identified application.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 7-13, without prejudice or disclaimer and subject to Applicants' right to timely file any divisional or other application directed to the subject matter thereof.

**REMARKS**

In his May 6, 2002 Office Action, the Examiner stated that the application contains inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive